REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 21-26 and 59-70 were pending in the application. Claims 21 and 59 have been amended; claims 60-62 have been canceled; and claims 71 and 72 have been added. Claims 21-26, 59, and 63-72 are presented for reconsideration.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview on January 25, 2005, during which Applicants' representatives and the Examiner discussed claims 21 and 64 in connection with Kain et al. (USP 6,550,862).

Claims 21-26 and 59-70 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Kain et al. Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 21, as amended, defines a child seat "wherein the cavity [of the object holder] is partially under the seating surface in the retracted, storage position, and wherein the object holder includes a sidewall to define the cavity, the sidewall being accessible when the object holder is in the retracted, storage position in order to provide a handgrip for use in changing position of the object holder." Kain et al. does not teach or suggest an object holder that has a cavity, where the cavity is partially under the seating surface in the retracted, storage position and is defined by a sidewall that is accessible when the object holder is in the retracted, storage position. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 21 and its dependent claims 22-26 are not anticipated by Kain et al. under 35 USC 102(e).

Claim 59, as amended, defines a child seat including "an object holder pivotally attached to the base to pivot between an extended, in-use position and a retracted, storage position." In contrast to the claimed object holder, the cup holder 18 of Kain et al. slides between an extended position and a retracted position. See Kain et al., col. 2, lines 54-57. The cup holder 18 of Kain et al. does not pivot between the extended position and the retracted position. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 59 and its dependent claim 63 are not anticipated by Kain et al. under 35 USC 102(e).

Claim 64 defines a child seat "wherein the object holder only partially retracts within the base in the retracted, storage position such that a first portion of the cavity remains extended from the base and a second portion of the cavity retracts within the base." Kain et al. does not teach or suggest a child seat including such an object holder. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 64, its previously presented dependent claims 65-70, and its new dependent claim 71 are not anticipated by Kain et al. under 35 USC 102(e).

New claim 72 defines a child seat "wherein the object holder is pivotally attached to the base to pivot between the extended, in use position and the retracted, storage position." As mentioned above, the cup holder 18 of Kain et al. does not pivot between an extended position and a retracted position. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 72 is patentable over Kain et al.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 CFR 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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